

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	January 16, 2007
Prepared By	Jessie Carpenter City Clerk
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	First Reading Ordinance Appointing Judges for the 2007 Ward 5 Special Election
Background	<p>A Ward 5 Special Election will be held on January 30, 2007 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Marc Elrich. The election will be held at Wilkinson Hall, Columbia Union College. The polling place will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>The special election will be the first conducted since adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution 2006-1. The Charter Amendment included a requirement that a candidate receive a majority of votes cast in order to be elected. It provided for ballots that allow voters to rank candidates in order of choice, and it instituted an instant runoff voting process in the event that no candidate receives a majority of first choices. For this election, paper ballots will be used incorporating the opportunity for voters to rank candidates. As in all City elections, ballots will include a space for a write-in candidate. Absentee balloting will be permitted as set forth in the City Code.</p> <p>The City Clerk recommends that four election judges be appointed to conduct the election. Following the closing of the polls, the judges will return to the Community Center Auditorium to count the votes and make a preliminary announcement of the results. The City Council will meet the following evening, on Wednesday, January 31, to receive the certification of election results from the election judges.</p>
Policy	Takoma Park Code, Section 607: "Elections shall be conducted by the judges appointed by the Council under the supervision of the City Clerk."
Fiscal Impact	\$580 (\$135 for Election Judges; \$175 for the Chief Judge). \$3,500 is included in the FY07 budget to conduct a special election.
Attachments	First reading ordinance appointing judges for the 2007 Ward 5 Special Election
Recommendation	Council to accept the ordinance at first reading.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

First Reading:

Second Reading:

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

**Ordinance 2007-
Appointment of Judges for the 2007 Ward 5 Election**

Whereas, a Ward 5 Special Election will be held on January 30, 2007 to elect a City Councilmember to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marc Elrich; and

Whereas, the City Clerk has put forward the names of four individuals to serve as judges in the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:**

SECTION 1. the persons named below, all registered voters of the City of Takoma Park, are hereby designated as Judges to serve as a Board of Election for the January 30, 2007 Ward 5 Special Election:

Barbara J. Brown, 804 Colby Avenue
Ingrid Vargas, 8214 Roanoke Avenue
Bevlyn E. Washington, 8205A Roanoke Avenue
John C. Winkfield, 908 Anne Street

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2007 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: